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The commercial statistics have been furnished the public from the New York Custom House will be discontinued hereafter. The Secretary of the Treasury has abolished the office through which these figures were supplied. The work was done by three clerks, whose offices were closed twenty-five years ago in compliance with the petition of the New York merchants. The statistics furnished were valuable on account of the promptness with which they were given, and the minuteness of the figures. The government will give the press and commercial bodies and the regular reports of the Bureau of Statistics simultaneously with their transmission to Washington, but these will be comparatively useless, as they do not go into details.

## INTERNATIONAL LAW.

Secretary M. D. Tuckson, of the Society for the Reformation and Codification of International Law, has informed the State Department that the Bureau has resolved to invite the Government of different States to join in a Commission for the consideration of the subject of the law of nations. The commission will be composed of representatives of the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland, and has been convened to take part in this conference. The United States will be invited, and Secretary Bayard has the honor to inform in reply to accept an invitation if extended.

We have received from Fish & Hatch a copy of the new edition of their manual of information about Government bonds. This useful little book gives full descriptions of the different issues of bonds, coupons and interest, and the particular details of the called bonds, and the bonds outstanding, when payable, etc., etc., with a digest of the laws with regard to payment and taxation. Appended is a series of tables giving the price and amount of silver, and the details of the monetary legislation of the United States.

**PULLMAN PALACE-CAR COMPANY.**  
A regular quarterly dividend of 20 per cent share (being dividend No. 4) has been declared by Pullman's Palace-Car Company, payable Feb. 15, to stockholders of record at the close of business Feb. 1.

**THE PRICE OF GOVERNMENT BONDS.**  
During the past week the price of 4 per cent New York bonds has declined 1/2 per cent below par in gold, and 1 1/2 per cent below the price at which the Government can buy by law.

**GOLD AND GREENBACKS.**  
Gold was 10 1/2 per cent in premium on the dollar and greenbacks were 95 1/2 cents on the dollar in gold.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

| Place     | Rate    | Place                | Rate    |
|-----------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| London    | 104 1/2 | San Francisco        | 104 1/2 |
| Paris     | 104 1/2 | San Pedro de Macoris | 104 1/2 |
| Berlin    | 104 1/2 | San Juan             | 104 1/2 |
| Brussels  | 104 1/2 | Sanchez              | 104 1/2 |
| Amsterdam | 104 1/2 | Sanchez              | 104 1/2 |
| Antwerp   | 104 1/2 | Sanchez              | 104 1/2 |
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| Madrid    | 104 1/2 | Sanchez              | 104 1/2 |
| Barcelona | 104 1/2 | Sanchez              | 104 1/2 |
| Valencia  | 104 1/2 | Sanchez              | 104 1/2 |
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## TELEGRAPH.

**NEW YORK.**  
New York, Feb. 1.—Gold opened at 101 1/2, and closed at 101 1/2. Carrying rates, 5 to 3.

**SILVER.**  
Silver at London advanced. Here silver bars at 118 1/2 per cent in premium on gold. Silver coin at 101 1/2 discount.

**GOVERNMENT BONDS.**  
The stock market was generally firm, but generally firm in tone, and without any special feature. The market was very active, and the price of bonds was generally firm.

**STOCKS.**  
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**COMMODITIES.**  
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